

CITY OF CARROLLTON

Press Release

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Drought May Impact Lake Carroll Dam Project

As you are aware, the southeastern United States is experiencing a drought of significant proportion. In fact, this spring is one of the driest on record. If this drought continues, the City of Carrollton will delay the work on the Lake Carroll Dam so that the water contained in Lake Carroll can be used to augment water supplies until the weather conditions improve. Because drought conditions in this area normally occur in the late summer and early fall, a spring drought may mean that reserve water supplies have to carry our customers for a longer time period than previously anticipated.

The City of Carrollton has three reservoirs: Lake Buckhorn, Sharpe Creek Reservoir, and Lake Carroll. As of this writing, all three are at full pool with a combined volume of approximately 1.9 billion gallons. This amount of water should carry the City through any previously recorded drought at a usage rate of 12 million gallons per day. The peak day of usage for the City last summer was 8.2 million gallons. Without rain, city staff will begin to draw from the reservoirs to augment the flow in the Little Tallapoosa River which feeds the intake at the City of Carrollton Water Treatment Plant.

The present outdoor watering restrictions require odd/even watering between midnight and 10:00 a.m. only. If the area does not experience rain in the very near future, these restrictions will be tightened to watering on Saturday and Sunday only or to a total outdoor watering ban.

Please help us manage this precious resource by complying with these restrictions. For further information, please call Tim Grizzard, Assistant City Manager, at (770)830-2000.